

**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME  
DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES  
NEWS RELEASE**



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**2013 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 23  
Fall Announcement # 20, District 2 Commercial Period 7  
Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area**

Through August 18, the cumulative fall chum salmon passage past Pilot Station sonar is approximately 444,300 fish, which is above the historical median of 402,000 fish for that date. Based on inseason assessment, the projected fall chum salmon run size is between 700,000 to 900,000 fish.

**District Y-2**

Commercial fishing will be open for one period in District Y-2 on Tuesday, August 20 from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. This will be a 6-hour commercial fishing period. Gillnets are restricted to a maximum mesh size of 6 inches or less.

Verbal report from the District Y-2 commercial salmon fishing period on August 17 indicate a preliminary harvest of 12,339 fall chum and 7,354 coho salmon. The preliminary cumulative commercial harvest for District Y-2 is 47,800 fall chum and 8,463 coho salmon.

District Y-2 commercial fishermen are requested not to fish on the south bank of Yukon River in front of the Pilot Station sonar site from an ADF&G buoy just upstream of the sonar to an ADF&G marker 500 yards downstream. Commercial fishing in this area interferes with sonar operations and can affect fish counts. The department thanks commercial fishermen for their continued cooperation.

In District Y-2 subsistence salmon fishing is open 7 days per week except for 12 hours before, during, and 12 hours after each commercial fishing period. Subsistence fishing in District Y-2 will close at 2:00 a.m. Tuesday, August 20 and will reopen at 8:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 21.

Recorded fishery announcements and updates will be available 24 hours a day at 949-1731 or toll free at 1-866-479-7387. If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the Emmonak ADF&G office at 949-1320. The Emmonak ADF&G office will stand by on VHF channel 7A.

This has been an announcement by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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